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September 22, 2015

To: Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin
From: Council Vice Chair Ikaika Anderson 
Re: Travel to Maui on September 11, 2015

I traveled to Maui to attend the September 2015 meeting of the Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) Executive Committee. Please see the below details of the meeting.

Maui County by Council Member Victorino:

-Maui County Council has adopted a resolution urging the United States Congress to pass the Industrial Hemp Act of 2015.

-Maui County Council also approved a time extension to October 30 of the Molokai Community Plan.

-Maui County Council also endorsed a bill for the HSAC Package that would allow counties the flexibility of financial investments and a copy has been submitted to the HSAC President and he should be receiving it shortly. This bill would amend the HRS to provide the same type of authority for short term investments and will allow counties to increase flexibility and diversity as well as help with return on investments. This will be discussed further at our meeting that discusses the 2016 HSAC Package but Maui just wanted to give all of you a heads up as to their only addition to the HSAC Package this year.

- Maui County Council will also take up shortly tax classifications for transient accommodations in the budget and finance committee.

-Maui County Council also has land use site inspections for the proposed for Kinaleu Apartments which is a 201 H affordable housing project.

-Maui County Council had discussions also on the influence of political or corporate powers urging our Congressional Delegation to investigate free speech and rights for corporations, because they seem to be getting more and more powerful especially in our local elections. They feel that these powers must be reined in and perhaps controlled. Maui wants them and others to take a real hard look at this issue.

Big Island County by Council Member Onishi:

-A Big Island County Council Member withdrew the resolution due to not having enough support dealing with roundup that was very similar to one introduced on Kauai.

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- Big Island County Council passed during council a resolution urging Congress to look into corporations in that they are not people. Some of the discussion was why are we singling out corporations? The problem that was discussed was the PACs as they are financing elected officials or groups like the ones in Maui that were fighting for the GMO ban. Council Member Onishi argued that instead of asking Congress to pass this law he wanted to start at the local level first to see how we can restrict things. He said if we do not have a prepared bill for Congress he thinks that nothing will happen. The proposal will be coming to HSAC from the Big Island.
- Big Island County Council will have a resolution reprimanding the Mayor for his use of the P-Card. He thinks that this is very political and that the author of the resolution just wants to keep this issue in the news, and just explains everything that has already happened mentioning the investigation of the Attorney General. He said all of this has already been done so he is not supporting this resolution.
- He asked if Kauai passed a resolution on corporations. President Rapozo responded in the affirmative to have Congress look at a Constitutional Amendment.

Honolulu by Council Member Anderson:

- I reported on Bill 20 on accessory dwelling units that it did pass the Honolulu City Council on September 2 and that we are awaiting the Mayor's anticipated signature. Bill 20 allows for accessory dwelling units or ADUs in residential and country zoned districts. The maximum size of the accessory dwelling would be 800 square feet and the main component to the accessory dwelling would allowing a secondary kitchen on the property allowing people to live more comfortably. The objective of the Council and the Administration was to allow for the construction of rentals that would be very hard for the Honolulu City Department of Planning and Permitting inspectors as they had a very high burden of proof and would many times not be able to surpass it.
- Council Chair Martin and I believe that if we are going to address this issue effectively we need to address this issue from both sides, the enforcement side and the regulation side to allow for some limited permitting. What we are hearing is that we have people conducting these illegal operations simply saying "as of X date allow all of them to obtain a GET license", then on the other side you have all of the people that do not want these businesses in their community saying that "you cannot advertise the businesses and do away with them all". Chair Martin and I are coming in the middle saying establish a county cap for how many that we can handle with in each Council District, and then anyone that does not obtain a permit would be shut down and have a lien placed on your property for failure to comply with the law. Some people on both sides of the issue do not want our legislation as some on each side want all of the extremes of their position to prevail in the end. Honolulu is now trying to hire 6 people dedicated to this issue but we shall see what happens in the future.

Kauai County by Council Member Rapozo:

- The minimum wage resolution has not passed so you all will not be seeing that in the HSAC package.
- The GET bill has had some changes so it probably will not pass in time for this HSAC package.
- There is a possibility to have a County Manager system on Kauai.
- They are having an accessory dwelling unit's discussion.

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-They are trying to look at ways to enforce on this problem and to make sure that we get that tax revenue.

-County reports were approved.

NACO Report:

-No NACO report but there will be a Presidential Board Meeting from December 2-5 in El Paso County Colorado.

-On September 10, 2015 county leaders convened in DC to advocate for the PLT and more than 120 counties have passed resolutions promoting step up mental health programs in our jails as there is an extreme lack of services for those with mental health issues outside of the jails.

WIR Report:

-WIR will be held in Trenton County Jackson Hole Wyoming on May 25-27, 2016 and Maui County is also in need of the final report from the WIR conference in Kauai.

The NACO and WIR reports were accepted.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 9/23/2015

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2015 SEP 25 P 2:35
CITY COUNCIL
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Traveler: Ikaika Anderson

Event: 1 Day Maui to attend HSAC September meeting *2015 Executive Committee*

Location: Kahului, Maui, Hawaii

Dates: From September 11, 2015 To September 11, 2015

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare	\$176.40	Round trip air fare Hnl/Ogg/Hnl, pCard charge and
3. Hotel		should be reimbursed by HSAC
4. Meals		
5. Ground Transportation		
6. Tips		
7. Other		
Other	\$15.00	1 day parking Honolulu Int'l Airport, receipt attached
Other		
8. Adjustment		
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	194.40 15.00	

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:


Signature of Traveler

9-24-2015
Date